

Night 21

Highlights from Surah Swad The Surah's name is derived from the letter Saad with which it begins. It also is a Makki Surah. The Surah declares that the actual reason the mushrekeen were rejecting Islam was not any defect in the message, but that they were arrogant, jealous and blind followers of polytheism. They are not prepared to believe in a man from their own clan as a Prophet of God and follow him. They want to persist in the ideas of ignorance. And when the ignorance of such people is exposed they become stubborn and resistant. For them the concept of Tauhid and the Hereafter is not only an unacceptable creed but also one that deserves to be ridiculed. Allah ^{SWT} has warned such people in the beginning and the end of the Surah that in essence Prophet Muhammad ^{SAW} and his message will win out in the end and you will be losers. The Surah then describes nine of the Prophets, with greater details of the story of Prophets David and Solomon. Allah ^{SWT} has emphasized the point that His Law of Justice is impartial and objective, that only the right attitude of man is acceptable to Him, that He calls to account and punishes every wrongdoer, whoever he may be, and that He likes only those who do not persist in wrongdoing, but rather repent and accept the Truth of this life and the Hereafter. In conclusion, the story of Adam and Iblis (Satan) is described, which was meant to tell the disbelieving Quraish that the same arrogance that had prevented Iblis from bowing to Adam ^{AS} is coming in the way of their accepting Muhammad ^{SAW} as the messenger of Allah ^{SWT}. So, your fate will be the same as that of Iblis.

Highlights from Az-Zumar The Surah derives its name from Verses 71 and 73 in which the word Zumar (Groups) is mentioned. From the Verse 10 (*Wa ardullahi wasi atun*: and Allah's earth is vast) it is evident that this Surah was revealed in respect of Jafar bin Abi Talib ^{RA} and his companion's migration to Habash.

Highlights from Al-Ghafir/Al-Mumin The Surah takes its name Al Mu'min (the believer) from Verse 28. The other name Ghafir – is one of the beautiful names of Allah ^{SWT} – It is He who forgives. It is a Makki Surah and was revealed consecutively after Surah Az-Zumar. The disbelievers were creating every kind of suspicion in the minds of the people about the teaching of the Quran, the message of Islam, and about the Holy Prophet ^{SAW} himself. They also were preparing the groundwork for the assassination of the Holy Prophet ^{SAW}. In one instance, Uqbah bin abi Mu'ait tried to strangle the Prophet ^{SAW}. Abu Bakr ^{RA} pushed him away and said: "Would you kill a man only because he says: Allah is My Lord." As an admonition to the conspirators of assassination, the story of a Believer from the people of Fir'aun (Pharaoh) has been cited. The disbelievers are warned that if they did not desist from wrangling against the Revelations of Allah, you would be doomed to the same fate as the nations of the past, and a worst will follow in the Hereafter. At that time they would repent, but it would be too late.